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## AN ACT to incorporate the Cairo Hydraulic Company.

Feb. 17, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That Samuel Staats Taylor, Cyrus G. Simons, Abraham Williams, Bryan Shaunnessy, Ninian W. Edwards, Isham N. Haynie, Albert G. Jones, and their associates, heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, with the object and for the purpose of supplying the city of Cairo with wholesome water, under the style and title of the "Cairo Hydraulic Company;" with the sole power to them and their successors, by their corporate name, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity in this state; and to make, have and use a common seal, and the same break, alter or renew at their pleasure; and to take and hold such property, real, personal or mixed, as may be necessary to carry into effect the object of said company or incorporation, and the same to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of; and also to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as may be necessary, proper or convenient for the government of said incorporation, not contrary to law or the constitution.*

Name and style.

General corporate powers.

§ 2. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

Capital stock.

§ 3. The charter of incorporation shall be and continued in force for and during the term of fifty years from and after the passage of this act: *Provided*, that the said company shall, within five years from this date, commence the construction of the necessary works for the introduction into the town or city of Cairo, of the water of the Mississippi or Ohio river.

§ 4. The said company, for the more effectually completing the object of said corporation, shall have power and authority to build and construct fountains, reservoirs, and other necessary works; to make and lay conduits, pipes, or tunnels, for the conveyance of said water, under and along the public highways, streets, lanes, alleys and sidewalks, or any of them, in said town or city of Cairo; to put up fire plugs, or hydrants, at such places as they may deem convenient for public use, and the same from time to time to renew and repair, leaving at all times, during the progress of said work, one-half of said streets or alleys unobstructed; and immediately after the laying of said pipes or conduits restore the street or alley through which the same may pass, or which has been dug up or opened, to its former condition. And further, said company shall have the sole privilege to grant to all persons

Water works, pipes, reservoirs, &amp;c.

whomsoever, to all bodies corporate and politic, the privileges of using said water, so introduced, as aforesaid, in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions, and in such quantities, respectively, as they shall think fit.

Pollution of water and penalty therefor.

§ 5. If any person or persons shall willfully pollute said water, by throwing in or depositing in any pipe, tunnel, hydrant, reservoir or fountain, conducting or containing the same, any impure, unwholesome, or offensive substance, or by bathing, or washing clothes in said reservoir, or shall injure any of the works or machinery used in raising, containing, forcing or conducting said water, the person or persons so offending shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding one hundred dollars, to the use of said company, for each and every offence, recoverable before any court of competent jurisdiction; and shall also be compelled to remove all nuisances, by him or them created as aforesaid, forthwith, under the further penalty of ten dollars for every twenty-four hours said nuisances shall continue, to the use of said company aforesaid: *Provided*, that said fines and penalties shall not prevent said company from recovering damages in a civil suit, for any injury done to said works.

Officers elector.

§ 6. The officers of said company shall consist of a president and four directors, who shall be annually chosen from among the members of the company, at the time such election may be held, and in such manner as they may ordain and direct. The first election therefor shall take place at such time as the members, or a majority of them, may deem expedient; each member at said first election, having one vote; and in case of the death or resignation of the president, or either of one or more of the directors, then the vacancy shall be filled by the board.

Appointed officers.

§ 7. The directors, or a majority of them, shall have full power to appoint and employ, and in their discretion to remove or dismiss a secretary, treasurer, and all such other officers, clerks, agents, mechanics, laborers and servants as they shall deem necessary, from time to time; to attend to, and transact or execute all the affairs and business of the company, and fix their compensation; to contract, agree for, and purchase, rent or hire, all such lands, chattels, materials, rights, privileges and effects whatever, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of the same, in their discretion; to divide the capital stock into shares among the members of said company, and to call for such installments on each share as the board of directors may deem necessary for the interests of the company, and in case of a failure on the part of any of the members of said company, or their assignee or assignees, to pay said installments when required, or within thirty days thereafter, all the interest they may have or possess in said

Installments.

company shall be forfeited to the members thereof: *Provided*, ten days' public notice of the same shall be given, or notice personally to the party owning the stock.

APPROVED Feb. 17, 1857.

AN ACT to incorporate the Freeporter Saengerbund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That John Hoebel, William Wagner, John Geizer, Louis Ashendorf, Charles Meyer, Philip Fleischman, D. B. Shultz, Charles Strohacker, Joseph Lambert, Jacob Krohn, Matthias Hettinger and Charles Dollenmeyer, and their associates, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Freeporter Saengerbund;" with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places whatsoever; with full power to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; to contract and be contracted with; and shall have all the other powers and privileges to fulfil the objects of this corporation.

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Style.

§ 2. The objects of said corporation shall be to establish a library and reading room and the promotion of education, German singing; and social entertainment.

Object.

§ 3. The incorporation hereby created shall have power and authority, and are hereby authorized to purchase real estate or other property in Freeport, in Stephenson county, not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

§ 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars, to be subscribed for and paid in in such proportions as shall be prescribed by the by-laws and rules for regulating the concerns of said corporation.

Capital stock.

§ 5. The corporation hereby created shall prescribe by-laws and rules for regulating the concerns of said society, the arrangement and disposition of the stock, property and estate of the association, the duties of its officers, the number and election of officers and directors, and all such matters as appertain to the concerns of the association.

Regulations and by-laws.

§ 6. This act shall be deemed a public act, and be in full force from and after its passage.

APPROVED Feb. 17, 1857.